

April 19, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H.B. NO. 784: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-24-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROVISION ESTABLISHING PRIORITY AND ORDER OF DISTRIBUTIONS OF CLAIMS UNDER THE INSURERS REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(April 18, 2000; 6:01 AM)

H.B. NO. 845: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EXTEND THE LICENSES OF CERTAIN EDUCATORS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A MASTER'S, SPECIALIST OR DOCTORATE DEGREE IN ORDER TO AFFORD SUCH EDUCATORS ADEQUATE TIME TO FULFILL NEW RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(April 18, 2000; 6:02 AM)

H.B. NO. 903: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-19-1 AND 37-151-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIANS' PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "YEAR OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE" AS USED FOR DETERMINING THEIR SALARIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(April 18, 2000; 6:05 AM)

H.B. NO. 969: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-15-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR OWNERS, OPERATORS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS OF CHILD RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE IMMUNITY, AND TO PRESCRIBE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THOSE REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:08 AM)

H.B. NO. 974: AN ACT TO DELETE THE APPLICATION ON JULY 1, 2000, OF LAWS REQUIRING THAT MANUFACTURERS OF BEER PRODUCTS LABEL, IMPRINT OR STAMP THE WORD "MISSISSIPPI" OR "MS" ON BOTTLES, CANS OR OTHER CONTAINERS OF BEER PRODUCTS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IMPOSES AN EXCISE TAX ON WHOLESALERS OR DISTRIBUTORS OF LIGHT WINES OR BEER, TO DELETE REFERENCES TO ANY REQUIREMENT THAT BEER PRODUCTS BE LABELED OR STAMPED; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-

313, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE PENALTY IMPOSED FOR THE ILLEGAL USE OF LABELS OR STAMPS ON BEER PRODUCTS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-331, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO AFFIX STAMPS TO BEER PRODUCTS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-333, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE EXCISE TAX DUE FROM A WHOLESALER OR DISTRIBUTOR OF BEER PRODUCTS, TO DELETE REFERENCES TO ANY REQUIREMENT THAT BEER PRODUCTS BE LABELED OR STAMPED; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-335, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR A TAX AND PENALTY ON CONTRABAND BEER PRODUCTS, TO DELETE REFERENCES TO ANY REQUIREMENT THAT BEER PRODUCTS BE LABELED OR STAMPED; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-347, WHICH PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS IN THE ARTICLE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAXES, TO ALLOW FOR EXCEPTIONS TO BE PROVIDED ELSEWHERE IN THE ARTICLE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-505, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER TO REQUIRE THAT INDIVIDUAL CONTAINERS OF BEER PRODUCTS HAVE STAMPS AFFIXED TO THEM; TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SPECIFY THE PENALTY FOR THE BREWING, MANUFACTURE OR SALE OF ANY BEER PRODUCT WITHOUT THE REQUISITE PERMIT OR LICENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-52, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROHIBITS A PERSON HOLDING A PERMIT TO SELL BEER OR LIGHT WINE AT RETAIL FROM OBTAINING THE BEER OR LIGHT WINE FROM ANY SOURCE OUTSIDE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TO DELETE THE REPEALER DATE OF JULY 1, 2000; TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR THE UNLAWFUL SALE OF BEER PRODUCTS, TO DELETE REFERENCES TO ANY REQUIREMENT THAT BEER PRODUCTS BE LABELED OR STAMPED; TO REPEAL SECTION 67-3-48, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO PROVIDE SUITABLE LABELS OR MARKINGS OF IDENTIFICATION ON BEER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:09 AM)

H.B. NO. 984: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-21-257 AND 43-21-261, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE NECESSITY OF A COURT ORDER FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CENTRAL REGISTRY ON CHILD NEGLECT AND ABUSE CASES, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE NAMES OF SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATORS IN ADMINISTRATIVE DUE PROCESS HEARINGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:10 AM)

H.B. NO. 1039: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-321, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEES EXERCISING THE POWERS OF A PEACE OFFICER TO RECEIVE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING; TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING, ACTING JOINTLY WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO PRESCRIBE

THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TRAINING LEVEL FOR SUCH PERSONS;
AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:11 AM)

H.B. NO. 1054: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-115, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE PERSONS WHO ARE WORKERS WITH A POTENTIALLY SEVERE DISABILITY TO PURCHASE MEDICAID COVERAGE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELIGIBILITY OF THOSE PERSONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT; TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL WAIVER TO ALLOW FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:12 AM)

H.B. NO. 1071: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO CARRY FIREARMS IN OTHER STATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:13 AM)

H.B. NO. 1152: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-4-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "HIGH ECONOMIC BENEFIT PROJECT" AS USED IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY ACT TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRIVATE COMPANIES PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN A ONE-HALF MILE RADIUS OF EACH OTHER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:15 AM)

H.B. NO. 1164: AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD OR MEDICAL ORDER CONTAINING AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS CONSIDERED TO BE SIGNED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:16 AM)

H.B. NO. 1174: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-17-86, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MONIES IN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL EMERGENCY LOAN FUND TO DEFRAY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:17 AM)

H.B. NO. 1330: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-83-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REVERTER ON THE PROVISION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THAT A HEALTH CARE SERVICES UTILIZATION REVIEW DETERMINATION THAT IS ADVERSE TO A PATIENT OR PROVIDER MUST BE EVALUATED AND CONCURRED IN BY A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN MISSISSIPPI, EXCEPT IN CASES INVOLVING THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE RISK POOL ASSOCIATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:20 AM)

H.B. NO. 1332: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY TO ACCEPT BY DONATION THE COKER HOUSE AND ACCOMPANYING LAND LOCATED ON THE CHAMPION HILL BATTLEFIELD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:21 AM)

H.B. NO. 1359: AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 7 AS THE "C.F. 'PAPPY' FRANKLIN

MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
(April 18, 2000; 6:22 AM)

H.B. NO. 1395: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 89-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FORMS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FOR CORPORATE GENERAL PARTNERS OF PARTNERSHIPS AND CORPORATE MEMBERS AND MANAGERS OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
(April 18, 2000; 6:23 AM)

H.B. NO. 1419: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 65-1-111 AND 65-1-115, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL REQUISITIONS ISSUED AND ALL EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AND ENTERED ON ITS MINUTES; TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS THAT PRESCRIBE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AND THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
(April 18, 2000; 6:24 AM)

H.B. NO. 1422: AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION 43-39-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TO ILLEGAL ALIENS UNDER THE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE LAW EXCEPT IN EXTREMELY UNUSUAL HARDSHIP CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:25 AM)

H.B. NO. 1508: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-23-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES TO CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO MONITOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN SUCH FACILITIES, TO REQUIRE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES TO GRANT ACCESS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CARRY OUT RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND TO REQUIRE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES TO REIMBURSE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR COSTS INCURRED IN CONTROLLING SUCH COMMUNICABLE DISEASES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:26 AM)

H.B. NO. 1537: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-951 AND 23-15-955, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER AN ELECTION CONTEST REGARDING THE SEAT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-957, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE SENATE, OR ANY COMMITTEE THEREOF, TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS CONCERNING SUCH ELECTION CONTESTS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-911, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT THE PRESENT LAW ON EXAMINATION OF BALLOT BOXES BY CANDIDATES APPLIES IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTION CONTEST REGARDING THE SEAT OF A MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:27 AM)

H.B. NO. 1596: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TUNICA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO AARON E. HENRY COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC, INC., TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN AND FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TUNICA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
(April 18, 2000; 6:27 AM)

H.B. NO. 1597: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ISSAQUENA COUNTY TO TRANSFER TO THE RIVERSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT THE SUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN ROUND 2 OF THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH MONIES SO TRANSFERRED SHALL BE USED FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MONIES EXPENDED BY THE RIVERSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW CLASS A PUMPER OBTAINED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION WITHIN ISSAQUENA COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:28 AM)

H.B. NO. 1598: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HUMPRHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL, INC.; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 18, 2000; 6:29 AM)

Respectfully submitted,

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